

ROMANS

GOD'S GOOD NEWS FOR ALL PEOPLE

#3 The Power of God

Romans 1:8-27 (ESV)

Paul Gets Personal

Romans 1:8 – 13 (ESV) First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed in all the world. ⁹ For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I mention you ¹⁰ always in my prayers, asking that somehow by God's will I may now at last succeed in coming to you. ¹¹ For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you ¹² that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine. ¹³ I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that I have often intended to come to you (but thus far have been prevented), in order that I may reap some harvest among you as well as among the rest of the Gentiles.

1. He **THANKS** God for them all
 - a. **Romans 1:8 (ESV)** First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed in all the world.
2. He **PRAYS** for them
 - a. **Romans 1:9-10 (ESV)** For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I mention you ¹⁰ always in my prayers, asking that somehow by God's will I may now at last succeed in coming to you.
3. He **LONGS** to see them
 - a. **Romans 1:11-12 (ESV)** For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you ¹² ...that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine.
4. He's often **PLANNED TO VISIT THEM**
 - a. **Romans 1:13 (ESV)** I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that I have often intended to come to you (but thus far have been prevented), in order that I may reap some harvest among you as well as among the rest of the Gentiles

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Romans 1:14 – 17 (ESV) I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. ¹⁵ So I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome. ¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

1. The Gospel is **A DEBT TO THE WORLD**
 - a. **Romans 1:14 – 15 (ESV)** I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. ¹⁵ So I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome.
2. The Gospel is **POWER**
 - a. **Romans 1:16 (ESV)** For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God...
 - b. The Power of **SALVATION**
 - i. **Stage 1 JUSTIFICATION:**
You're saved from the **PENALTY OF SIN**
 1. Just as if you had never sinned, just as if you had always done right
 - ii. **Stage 2 REGENERATION:**
You're saved from the **PREDICAMENT OF SIN**
 1. The dead man is given life through the Holy Spirit
 - iii. **Stage 3 SANCTIFICATION:**
You're being saved from the **POWER OF SIN**
 1. You're being set apart – living as a citizen of heaven not of this earth
 - iv. **Stage 4 GLORIFICATION:**
You'll be saved from the **PRESENCE OF SIN**
 1. You'll be living in a heavenly body like Jesus
 - c. The Power of **TRANSFORMATION:**
 - i. **Romans 1:17 (ESV)** For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

Have you been saved?

Are you allowing the Gospel to transform you?

Are you ashamed of the Gospel?

The righteous shall live by faith!